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### Re: Medical Discharge Summaries

Dear Nursing Colleagues:

For your information the Board of Nursing has determined based on dialogue with the Board of Medical Examiners that Registered Nurses in New Jersey may prepare Medical Discharge Summaries by organizing and summarizing the information documented in a patient's record in order to provide the patient with necessary discharge instructions, and not to make a medical diagnoses.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Barbara Byers at 973-504-6502.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George J. Hebert".

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